

NOTES AND MEMORANDA

Members' Meetings

TUESDAY, May 23rd, 1944, at 4.30 p.m.: Annual General Meeting. At 5 p.m.: "A Medical Service for the Treatment of Involuntary Sterility." *Speaker*: Dr. Margaret Hadley Jackson. Chairman: The Lord Horder, G.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.

The meetings are held in the rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1, by kind permission of the President and Council of the Royal Society.

Revised Statement of Aims and Objects

THE Council wishes to thank the many Fellows and Members of the *Society* who took the trouble to send in their comments on the draft statement of the *Society's* Aims and Objects. Some eighty letters were received. The majority of correspondents expressed agreement with the statement as it stood, and suggested no alterations. Some suggested minor changes of wording or punctuation. And a few wanted substantial modifications, either in one or more paragraphs, or in the general arrangement and perspective of the document as a whole.

Of the last-named, two main groups could be discerned within each of which contrasting views were expressed. The first group comprised, on the one hand, those who thought that the treatment of certain subjects was too cursory or superficial and that further elaborations were needed such as would have lengthened the document; and on the other, those who held that the statement was too long and needed drastic pruning. The second group comprised, on the one hand, those who felt the statement too cautious and uninspiring and who called for a bolder line and a more crusading spirit; and on the other, those who thought that the statement went too far in certain directions, was too propagandist in tone and should not exceed the boundaries of what had been established on a basis of scientific fact.

Taken as a whole, the letters showed a welcome interest on the part of Fellows and

Members in the *Society's* basic principles and activities; but it also reflected marked divergences of sentiment and emphasis.

The committee charged with the task of evolving a final version had a difficult task. It was beyond their powers to produce a document which would satisfy everyone; there is little doubt, however, that the final is an improvement on the first draft, and it is hoped that it will commend itself to as large a proportion of Fellows and Members as is, in the circumstances, possible.

Pre-Marital Health Schedule

THE *Society's* Pre-Marital Health Schedule was referred to in the *British Medical Journal* for April 22nd, 1944, in the course of a correspondence on health examinations before marriage. As a result, over fifty applications for the Schedule have been received from medical practitioners.

K. L.

Housing

OPENING a discussion on "Housing and the Family" at the recent British Social Hygiene Council Conference on Problems of Population, Mr. Holroyd F. Chambers stressed the influence of housing on the birth-rate, urging the supreme need of giving the first priority after the war to housing for families with children, young married couples, and those returning from the Forces desiring to marry. He suggested that crude estimates of housing requirements were insufficient, and that detailed estimates of the number of each size and type of dwelling required was essential. It was only by spitting up the problem and ascertaining the more limited number of family houses that any assurance could be felt that Housing Committees would—by keeping this figure constantly before them as a target—give priority to this category.

Mr. Chambers insisted that the house and garden formed the only sure foundation from which to build a strong and healthy family life and submitted substantial evidence of the

widespread preference for the house as opposed to the flat. Complete living comprised more than merely working, eating and sleeping, and the success of family life consisted largely in all members having the time and wit to enjoy leisure together in their own home. It was here that a large part of the children's education—using the term in its wider sense—should take place. From this followed the importance of labour-saving design and of the parlour in addition to a general living-room to give space and opportunity for home pursuits.

The speaker mentioned the influence of family size on economic conditions. He questioned whether rent rebates directly influenced the birth-rate, maintaining that their primary purpose was to enable the larger family to enjoy decent housing, without which a complete, healthy and happy family life was impossible.

In his view it was not by coercive measures that the birth-rate would be influenced, but rather by means of a readjustment in our scale of values, and the creation of those conditions under which people would of their own volition desire to have more children. A prerequisite was the removal—at each social level—of the relative economic advantage at which those without children stood as compared with the family.

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Family Planning Association

THE following paragraphs are summarized from the Report of the Association for the year 1943 :

In June 1943, for the first time since the war, an Annual Meeting of the Association was held in London, with an address on Population Problems by Mrs. Eva Hubback. On the proposal of Mr. J. P. Brander the following was added to the present objects of the Association : " To encourage the production of healthy children who are an asset to the nation, provided that their parents have the health and means to give them a reasonable chance in life."

The General Meeting was preceded by a Conference of Branches, which discussed many clinic problems, devoting particular

attention to sub-fertility. An *ad hoc* Sub-fertility Committee has been appointed, of which Mr. Aleck Bourne is Chairman and on which Dr. Annis Gillie, Dr. Margaret Jackson, Dr. Joan Malleson, Mr. W. C. W. Nixon, Mr. Cedric Lane-Roberts, Mr. A. Sharman, Mr. Kenneth Walker and Miss Margaret Moore White have kindly consented to serve. Lord Horder, as president of the Association, is an *ex-officio* member. The Sub-fertility Committee arranged a very successful week-end Instructional School for doctors in October 1943, at North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre. This was attended by doctors from all parts of the country, and demonstrations of treatment were given by Mr. Bourne, Mr. Lane-Roberts, Mr. Nixon, Dr. Jackson and Miss Moore White, and pathological demonstrations by Mrs. Harvey.

There are now sixty-two voluntary birth-control clinics in Great Britain, of which fifty-five are run by Branches of the F.P.A. A list of these clinics can be obtained on application to the secretary at the offices of the Association. A memorandum has been submitted to the Minister of Health setting out the views of the Association on the encouragement of municipal gynaecological clinics. The Minister replied that these would be very fully considered in the light of the proposed national health service.

The recently published All India Census of 1941 shows a marked increase in population, considerably favoured by the establishment of more and better social services which have decreased infant and maternal mortality and lengthened the expectation of life. In view of the standard of living of the vast masses of India the large birth-rate can hardly be a matter for rejoicing. Mrs. Datta's work has largely consisted of seeing that the advice of the standing advisory committee of the F.P.A., established in one Province, was put into practice by the appropriate department. It was expected that by the end of 1943 all the women doctors on the Government cadre in one large Province would have been trained to provide contraceptive advice. The Government is also arranging for lectures on the necessity of

family planning as part of the curriculum of health visitors. Mrs. Datta is now trying to get a similar standing advisory committee established in another Province. Unfortunately, the money earmarked for such work will soon be exhausted and Mrs. Datta's appointment may have to end.

The Executive Committee is very grateful to those whose subscriptions and donations continue to support the work. The Association owes a deep debt to the continued generosity of the Chairman of the Committee, Lady Denman. It again records its thanks to the *Eugenics Society* for the continued loan of premises in London, and to voluntary workers, some of whom have given most valuable expert help.

K. L.

Dr. J. A. Doull

ON March 30th, Mr. Bramwell, Chairman of Council, and a small company, which included members of the Executive Committee, welcomed Dr. J. A. Doull, Professor of Hygiene and Public Health, The Western Research University, Cleveland, Ohio, at 69 Eccleston Square. Dr. Doull, who was working in the Ministry of Health on a special mission in connection with U.N.R.R.A., gave an absorbing account of public health institutes in the U.S.A., and particularly of the Health Museum, Cleveland, of which he is Chairman. This Museum, the only one of its kind in the world, specializes in material connected with human health. It is constantly brought up to date and provides lectures, films and meetings, both for adults and children, under the inspiring directorship of Dr. Bruno Gebhard. Models made on the premises, illustrations and diagrams are sent all over the U.S.A. and to other countries on the American continent.

Dr. Doull showed, from his own experience, how vital a part can be played by health education in preventive medicine. He said that he intended in future, notwithstanding the difficulties of bringing them into a constructive programme of public health, to lay greater stress than hitherto on hereditary factors.

Recent Additions to the Library

THE following books have been added to the Library since January 1st, 1944 :

- Allen, Clifford. *The Sexual Perversions and Abnormalities*. 1940. Pp. 193. Presented by Mr. Cecil Binney.
- *Balfour, A. J. *Decadence*. 1908. Pp. 62.
- Baur, E., Fischer, E., and Lenz, F. *Menschliche Erblichkeitslehre*. 1927. Pp. 601. Presented by Mrs. Bosanquet.
- *Blacker, C. P. *Human Values in Psychological Medicine*. 1933. Pp. 175.
- Bowley, Agatha H. *The Natural Development of the Child*. 2nd Edition. 1944. Pp. 184.
- *Bowley, A. L. *Wages and Income in the United Kingdom since 1860*. 1937. Pp. 151.
- *Brain, W. Russell. *Galatea or the Future of Darwinism*. 1927. Pp. 95.
- Burt, Cyril. *Factors of the Mind : An Introduction to Factor-Analysis in Psychology*. 1940. Pp. 509.
- *Burt, Cyril. *Mental and Scholastic Tests*. 1922. Pp. 432.
- *Cockerell, T. D. A. *Zoology*. 1921. Pp. 558.
- *Conklin, E. G. *The Direction of Human Evolution*. 1921. Pp. 247.
- *Clymer, R. S. *Race Regeneration : the Mystery of Sex*. 1921. Pp. 238.
- Dahlberg, Gunnar. *Twin Births and Twins from a Hereditary Point of View*. 1926. Pp. 296. Presented by Mrs. Bosanquet.
- *Dickinson, H. D. *Economics of Socialism*. 1939. Pp. 262.
- *Donkin, H. B. *On Inheritance of Mental Characters*. 1910. Pp. 48.
- *Drachman, Julian M. *Studies in the Literature of Natural Science*. 1930. Pp. 487.
- East, W. Norwood, Stocks, P., and Young, H. T. P. *The Adolescent Criminal*. 1942. Pp. 327.
- *Edgell, B. *Ethical Problems*. 1929. Pp. 149.
- *Edgell, B. *Mental Life : An Introduction to Psychology*. 1926. Pp. 275.
- Ellenwood, James Lee. *It Runs in the Family*. 1942. Pp. 236. Presented by the Hon. Mrs. Grant Duff.
- Faithfull, T. J. *Bisexuality : An Essay on Extra-version and Introversion*. 1927. Pp. 96. Presented by Mr. Cecil Binney.
- Fisher, R. A., *The Design of Experiments*. 3rd Edition. 1942. Pp. 236.
- Franzen, R. *The Accomplishment Ratio*. 1922. Pp. 59. Presented by Mrs. Bosanquet.
- Grüneberg, Hans. *The Genetics of the Mouse*. 1943. Pp. 412.
- *Haldane, J. B. S. *The Causes of Evolution*. 1932. Pp. 235.
- *Haldane, J. B. S. *Daedalus or Science and the Future*. 1924. Pp. 93.
- *Haldane, J. B. S. *Heredity and Politics*. 1938. Pp. 185.

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- *Hazell, W. H. *Labour and Capital in Alliance*. 1927. Pp. 116.
- *Heitland, W. E. *Behind and Before*. 1924. Pp. 166.
- *Hobhouse, L. T. *Development and Purpose: An Essay towards a Philosophy of Evolution*. 1927. Pp. 383.
- *Holmes, S. J. *Life and Evolution*. 1931. Pp. 449.
- Hopkins, Pryns. *The Psychology of Social Movements*. 1938. Pp. 284. Presented by Mr. Cecil Binney.
- *Huxley, J. S., and Haddon, A. C. *We Europeans*. 1936. Pp. 299.
- *James, William. *The Principles of Psychology*. 2 vols. 1890. Pp. 689, 704.
- Kallmann, F. J. *The Genetics of Schizophrenia*. 1938. Pp. 291.
- *Keith, Arthur. *Concerning Man's Origin*. 1927. Pp. 54.
- *Keith, Arthur. *Darwinism and What it Implies*. 1938. Pp. 56.
- Keynes, Margaret. *Leonard Darwin*. 1943. Pp. 43. Presented by the Author.
- Klineberg, Otto. *Characteristics of the American Negro*. 1944. Pp. 409.
- Krogman, W. M. *A Bibliography of Human Morphology, 1914-1939*. 1943. Pp. 385.
- Lundberg, George A. *Social Research: A Study of Methods of Gathering Data*. 1942. Pp. 426.
- *McDougall, W. *Is America Safe for Democracy?* 1921. Pp. 218.
- *Macmillan, Harold. *The Middle Way: A Study of the Problem of Economic and Social Progress in a Free and Democratic Country*. 1938. Pp. 382.
- *Machin, Alfred. *Darwin's Theory Applied to Mankind*. 1937. Pp. 284.
- Mass-Observation. *War Factory*. 1943. Pp. 127. Presented by Mr. B. S. Bramwell.
- *Merriam, J. C. *The Living Past*. 1930. Pp. 144.
- *Miner, M. E. *Slavery of Prostitution*. 1919. Pp. 308.
- *Muirhead, J. H. *Rule and End in Morals*. 1932. Pp. 120.
- Osborn, F. *Preface to Eugenics*. 1940. Pp. 312. Four copies, presented by General Frederick Osborn.
- *Osborn, H. F. *Huxley and Education*. 1910. Pp. 45.
- *Osborn, H. F. *Man Rises to Parnassus*. 1927. Pp. 217.
- *Paton, Stewart. *Human Behaviour in Relation to the Study of Educational, Social and Ethical Problems*. 1921. Pp. 465.
- Pearse, Innes H., and Crocker, Lucy H. *The Peckham Experiment: A Study in the Living Structure of Society*. 1943. Pp. 333.
- *Penrose, L. S. *Mental Defect*. 1933. Pp. 183.
- *Pigou, A. C. *Economics in Practice*. 1935. Pp. 154.
- *Pigou, A. C. *Socialism versus Capitalism*. 1937. Pp. 139.
- *Pigou, A. C. *Unemployment*. 1913. Pp. 256.
- Roberts, J. A. Fraser. *An Introduction to Medical Genetics*. 1940. Pp. 266. (2 copies.)
- Rogny, A. J. *Abortion: Legal or Illegal?* 1933. Pp. 212. Presented by Mr. Cecil Binney.
- *Rumney, J. *Herbert Spencer's Sociology*. 1934. Pp. 357.
- *Salter, A. *The Framework of Ordered Society*. 1933. Pp. 57.
- Vernon, P. E. *The Measurement of Abilities*. 1940. Pp. 308.
- Walshe, F. M. R. *Diseases of the Nervous System*. 1944. Pp. 530. Presented by Mr. B. A. Watts, jun.
- Walton, A. H. *New Vistas*. 1943. Pp. 218.
- *Ward, Henshaw. *Exploring the Universe*. 1927. Pp. 353.
- *Ward, Henshaw. *Thobbing: A Seat at the Circus of Intellect*. 1926. Pp. 343.
- *Ward, James. *Psychological Principles*. 1918. Pp. 478.
- *Woods, F. A., and Baltzly, A. *Is War Diminishing?* 1915. Pp. 105.
- Young, C. M. (Ed.). *Country and Town: A Summary of the Scott and Uthwatt Reports*. 1943. Pp. 142.

Elections to the Society

THE following have been elected Fellows (starred) and Members of the Society during the past quarter:

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